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1. LEGAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE GRATIS ON PETITION TO THE COURT
BY THE DEFENDENT IF HE IS ACCUSED OF A SERIOUS CRIME SUCH AS
MURDER, RAPE, ARMED ROBBERY, ETC. FREE COUNSEL IS NOT
AVAILABLE TO THOSE ACCUSED OF OVERSTAYING IN INDIA (BY VIO-
LATION OF THE INDIAN IMMIGRATION ACT) CUSTOMS VIOLATORS
AND IN MANY CASES, NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS OR OTHER
NON SERIOUS CRIMES.

2. LEGAL REPRESENTATION WITHIN CALCUTTA FOR CASES IN WHICH A
"PUBLIC DEFENDER" COUNSEL IS PROVIDED IS COMPETENT. US CITI-
ZENS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR IMMIGRATIONOR CUSTOMS
VIOLATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE PRIVATE
REPRESENTATION WHICH THEY THEMSELVES HAVE PAID FOR. THERE SEEMS
TO BE NO DIFFERENCE IN COMPETENCY BETWEEN THE "PUBLIC DEFENDER"
AND PRIVATE PAID COUNSEL. COUNSEL IN CALCUTTA IS GENERALLY
ACCEPTED TO BE THE BEST IN INDIA.
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